Press Release

4th Annual Meeting of the Global University Associations Forum (GUAF) Held in New Delhi on November 13, 2025

The **4th Annual Meeting of the Global University Associations Forum (GUAF)** took place in **New Delhi, India** on **13th November 2025**, under the chair of the **Association of Indian Universities (AIU).** AIU currently holds the **GUAF chair for the year 2025**.

Established in **2021**, the **Global University Associations Forum (GUAF)** serves as a platform for dialogue, cooperation, and collective action among the world's leading university associations representing major regions—**Africa, the Americas, the Arab Region, Asia, and Europe**. The Forum's member associations include:

1. European University Association (EUA) – **2022**
2. ASEAN University Network (AUN) – **2023**
3. China Association of Higher Education (CAHE) – **2024**
4. Association of Indian Universities (AIU) – **2025**
5. Association of African Universities (AAU) – **2026**
6. Association of Arab Universities (AArU) – **2027 Chair**
7. American Council on Education (ACE)
8. Latin American and the Caribbean Space for Higher Education (ENLACES)
9. Universities Canada (UC)

The New Delhi meeting brought together global leaders in higher education to deliberate on key themes such as **Academic, Knowledge and Science Diplomacy**, **International Cooperation**, and **Data Sharing among Member Institutions under Diverse Regulatory Frameworks**. A major focus of the discussions was on **how Artificial Intelligence (AI) is reshaping the global education landscape**.

A significant highlight of the event was the **launch of the report on "Similarities and Differences in the Digital Transformation of Higher Education,"** which reflects collaborative work among GUAF members.

The Forum also reviewed the **initial findings of a joint working group** examining the implications of **Artificial Intelligence (AI) and the Future of Learning** across member countries and regions. A **report** on this subject is expected to be published in **2026**.

At the conclusion of the meeting, it was announced that the **GUAF chair will transition from the Association of Indian Universities (AIU)** to **the Association of African Universities (AAU)** at the beginning of **2026**. The **5th Annual GUAF Meeting** will be hosted by **AAU** in **Accra, Ghana**.

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